On motion the report was taken up clause by clause. Clause 1 adopted

On clause 2 Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald Greer, that it be referred back

In amendment Ald Moore moved, seconded by Ald. McDonald, that the clause of the report be adopted. Carried

Yeas—Davis, McDonald, Jarvis, Bowman, Stringer, Moore, McIntosh, Heaman—8

Nays—Taylor, Greer, Moule, Hook, Vining, G. Taylor, Dreaney 7

On clause 3 Ald. Hook moved, seconded by Ald McDonald that the clause be struck out

The clause was adopted only the mover and seconder voting nay

On clause 4 some discussion ensued, and Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald. Hook, that the clause be struck out. Lost.

Clause adopted

Clause 5 read and adopted.

NO. 1 COMMITTEE MINORITY REPORT

Ald Davis moved, seconded by Ald. Heaman, that the report be received and considered seriatim

Yeas Jarvis, Davis McDonald, Moule, Bowman, Stringer, Moore, Vining, McIntosh, Heaman—10

Nays—C. Taylor, Greer, Hook, G. Taylor, Dreaney—5.

By Ald Bowman, Chairman:—

1 Your Committee having examined the following accounts and finding them correct, recommend the same for payment:—

NO. 1 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Printing and Advertising -		
McKiberan & McCann		$ 11 50
Incidental Expenses -		
Guarantee Co..........	$ 75 00	
A. O. Graydon............	12 00	$ 87 00
Law Expense —		
Free Press		$ 64 50
Election Expenses—		
Deputy Returning Officers, &c......		$ 285 50
		$ 448 50

NO 2 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Streets, etc—		
Pay Sheet	$ 194 81	
" "	105 26	
H. M. Douglass	558 68	
James Cowan & Co	195 82	
Brereton & Gibson..........	6 60	$1,060 97
City Hall—		
Hunt Bros......................	$ 145 87	
Greer & Wigmore............	28 67	
J. B. Smyth....	15 95	
McBride & Boyd....	21 63	
John Purdom	12 97	
Plastow Bros	46 50	
C. McCallum..........	1 00	$ 272 09
Ward No 5—		
J. Sargent..............	$ 9 00	
J. Hartley & Son.......... .	40 00	$ 49 00
Sewers—		
Bowman & Co		$ 29 99
Queen's Park—		
W. Dyson....		$ 2 75
		$1,414 80

NO. 3 COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS.

Hospital -		
Jas. Cowan & Co..	$ 32 25	
M. Gilligan	25	$ 32 50
Street Lighting—		
City Gas Co	$1,941 74	
Jas. Cowan & Co	84 49	
Plastow Bros	66 81	
Wm. Ironsides	24 50	
Royal Electric Co	38 60	$2,154 1
Market		
Royal Electric Co		$ 15 0
		$2,[illegible]18
Total accounts		$4,[illegible]6 96

2. That the income tax charged against Abram Fox in error be struck off

3 That the petition of Mrs Kinsman for remission of taxes be granted by allowing a rebate of $5.33, being half 886 taxes.

4 That the petition of Jas Murry for remission of personal tax be granted

5 That the petition of Jane Adams for remission of taxes be granted

6 That the petition of E Lutman for remission of taxes be granted

7 That the sewer rate of Mrs. James Rogers be remitted.

8 That the petition of C Chambers be referred to the Court of Revision

9 That the account of Southam & Brierly's, amounting to $40 for heating Registry Office, be recommended for payment

10. That the account of J. Simmons for $75 for work on Collectors' rolls be recommended for payment as $87 50 in full of account

11 That your Committee are in accord with the circulars received from the County of Hastings *re* lunatics, and beg to recommend that the Ontario Government be memorialized in that behalf.

12 That the petition of Eliza Harris, a deaf mute, for remission of taxes, be granted.

13 That the petition of Jane Insell for remission of taxes be granted by allowing a rebate of $11.71, one-half of 1896 taxes

14. That the petition of Mrs. Allan be referred to the Assessors of 1897

15 That the petition of the Women's Christian Association for remission of the Aged Women's Home be granted, by allowing a rebate of $95 83, being three months' taxes on real estate.

16. That the petitions of James Robinson, Louisa Hunt and Mrs Black, *re* assessment, be filed, your Committee having no power.

Ald Heaman moved, seconded by Ald. McIntosh, that the petition of Mrs. Black be referred back. Carried.

17 That the petitions of Fred Anglin and John E. Avann *re* income tax be filed. No power.

18 That the petitions of T. Howard, Mis Burgess, Joseph Dubois and Mrs. Gibson for remission of taxes be filed.

19 That the petitions of James Sloan *re* personal property, Hellmuth Ladies' College *re* main extension, and Meredith & Meredith *re* grant to reporters, be filed.

20 That the communication of W. J. Shaw Secretary of the Trades and Labor Council *re* Assessors be filed, the Statutes defining the duties of the Assessors

21. Your Committee beg to report progress on the petitions of Mrs. King, J. McJarmy, Ellen Hannafin, Mrs Nichol, Miss Bemner, Margaret Johnson, Robert Waddell, Ann McDonough, Mrs Raisin, Mrs Fitcher and the Assistant Assessor.

22. Your Committee beg to refer back to the Council the communication of the Assessors, and the applications for the position of Assessor and assistants.

23. The minority of your No. 1 Committee wish to express disapprobation of the conduct of the remaining members of your Committee in not attending the meeting of your Committee when notified, their absence tending to retard the business of the city, and cause confusion in our financial affairs

24 That Sheriff Glass' account of $75 for dividing the city into polling subdivisions be recommended for payment.

Clauses 1 to 15 passed.

On clause 16, the petition of Mrs Black was referred back to the Committee.

Clause 17 adopted.

On clause 18, the petition of Joseph Dubois was referred back to the Committee.

Clauses 19 to 21 adopted.

Clause 22 deferred.

On clause 23, Ald Taylor moved that the clause be struck out. Ald. Dreaney seconded.

The clause in regard to the appointment of assessors was then taken up.

His Worship read the names of the applicants, sixteen in number, as follows:—S Grant, W. D Buckle, A Isaac, C W. Andrus, J Simmons, D McAlpine, H. Totham, S Flory, C W Sarvis, J A. Mann, A J McDonald, H Keyes P C. Barnard, James Rafferty, G Emery, M. Grayson, W. E Niles, T. Van Iddelstine, T Brown, sr.

By-laws to confirm the appointment of the Court of Revision and Board of Health were then read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

It was moved by Ald Moore, seconded by Ald Stringer, that the names of Messrs. Grant and Buckle be placed first upon the list of applicants for the position of Assessors.

In amendment Ald Taylor moved, seconded by Ald Greer, that Messrs. Grant and Buckle assess the four Wards in the city, and that two Assessors be appointed to assess No 5 Ward

Ald Greer moved, seconded by Ald. Davis, that the matter be laid over.

Ald Heaman moved, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the matter be referred to No. 1 Committee to report.

The resolution of Ald. Heaman was carried.

Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald. Hook, that the Council adjourn for two weeks Lost

Ald. Davis submitted report of the Special Committee recommending that Mr. Jewell be instructed to examine into the offices of the City Clerk, Collectors and Engineer so as to provide a better means of doing the business, and report as soon as possible.

On motion of Ald Davis, seconded by Ald Moore, the report was adopted.

Ald Stringer moved, seconded by Ald. Davis, that $300 be granted to the ladies conducting the soup kitchen Carried.

On motion of Ald. Moore, Committee No. 2 was deputed to interview the County Council relative to a sidewalk on Kensington bridge.

The Council adjourned.